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SUBJECT: STATUS OF VARIOUS TRADEMISSION VISITS TO EGYPT

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1. NMTBA. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM DAVID W. BONNAR OF NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION (NMTBA) INFORMING EMBASSY THAT NMTBA IS PLANNING AN IOGA TRADE MISSION TO MIDDLE EAST DURING LATTER HALF OF APRIL. BONNAR VISITED EGYPT EARLY LAST FALL AND INDICATED THAT NMTBA WAS CONSIDERING SUCH A TRADE MISSION. EMBASSY IS REPLYING TO BONNAR'S CABLE WITH REQUEST THAT HE CONTACT USDOC DIRECTLY ON THIS MATTER.

2. COTTON GINNING/TEXTILE MACHINERY EQUIPMENT TRADEMISSION. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON STATUS PLANS FOR THIS TRADE MISSION WHICH EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS WILL BE SCHEDULED IN MAY. SALES PROSPECTS FOR COTTON GINNING/TEXTILE MACHINERY EQUIPMENT APPEARS TO BE MORE PROMISING THAN FOR MACHINE TOOLS. THEREFORE, SHOULD THERE BE ANY CONFLICT OR OVERLAP INTIMING, EMBASSY WOULD PREFER TO DEVOTE ITS RESOURCES TO THIS MISSION RATHER THAN NMTBA GROUP.

3. RAILROAD TECHNOLOGY MISSION. EMBASSY HAS RESERVED SIX SINGLES, TWO DOUBLES AND ONE SUITE FOR RAILROAD TECHNOLOGY MISSION AT MEDIDIAN HOTEL FOR FEB 8-13. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE PRIORITY REPORT ON LATEST STATUS AND CONFIRMATION OF TIMING OF THIS MISSION BEFORE APPROACHING THE CHAIRMAN OF

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THE EGYPTIAN RAILWAY ORGANIZATION.

4. IN CONSIDERING TRADE MISSION VISITS TO EGYPT, COMMERCE
SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT OPIC TIMAN GROUP WILL BE IN CAIRO
FEBRUARY 15-17 AND THAT EMBASSY WILL BE CONDUCTING COMMERCIAL
PRESENCE FAIR AT THE CAIRO INTERNATIONAL FAIR FROM MARCH 10-31.
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